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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM MEXICO DATED OCTOBER WP, 1975  
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SUBJ: ICFTU WORLD CONGRESS: KERSTEN HEADS MISSION TO CHILE

REF: MEXICO 9204

1. AT THE OCTOBER 19 INAUGURAL SESSION OF THE ICFTU WORLD  
CONGRESS, ICFTU PRESIDENT DONALD MACDONALD DRAMATICALLY  
ANNOUNCED THAT THE ICFTU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAD UNANIMOUSLY  
VOTED TO SEND A SPECIAL MISSION TO CHILE TO PETITION THE GOC FOR  
THE RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL AND TRADE UNION PRISONERS STILL  
BEING HELD IN CHILEAN JAILS(SEE REFTEL). STATING THAT  
ICFTU GENERAL SECRETARY OTTO KERSTEN WOULD PERSONALLY HEAD  
THE MISSION, MACDONALD ASKED THE ASSEMBLED DELEGATES TO  
STAND TO SHOW THEIR APPROVAL OF THIS "COURAGEOUS" AND  
"HISTORIC" DECISION: THE ACTION CAME AFTER A LONG

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AFTERNOON OF INAUGURAL SPEECHES AND CAUGHT THE DELEGATES

BY SURPRISE. THERE WAS NO DEBATE AND CONGRESS APPROVAL  
WAS NEAR UNANIMOUS.

2. MACDONALD ANNOUNCED THAT ADOLPH MIRKES OF THE GERMAN  
DGB WOULD ALSO BE A MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL MISSION WHICH IN  
ITS FINAL MAKE UP CONSISTS OF KERSTEN, MIRKES, JONES  
(BRITISH TUC), MORRIS (CANADIAN CLC), MERCALO (COLOMBIAN  
CTC) AND RAMIREZ, SPANISH-EXILE ON THE ICFTU HEADQUARTERS  
STAFF. THE MISSION WAS SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR SANTIAGO IN THE  
EVENING OF OCTOBER 19.  
BRANDIN UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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